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SUBJECT: GDR REMAINS FIRM ON CURRENCY EXCHANGE

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1. CONTRARY TO PRESS EXPECTATIONS GDR WAS NOT FORTHCOMING ON MINIMUM-CURRENCY-EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS ISSUE AT MAY 29 MEETING OF VISIT ARRANGEMENT COMMISSIONERS. WHEN SENAT REPRESENTATIVE HINKEFUSS ASKED GDR REPRESENTATIVE MITDANK IF GDR WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS A RETURN TO EARLIER MINIMUM-EXCHANGE REGULATIONS (BEFORE THEY WERE DOUBLED IN NOVEMBER 1973), MITDANK REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY AND THAT GDR WAS STILL WAITING FOR SENAT'S RESPONSES IN REGARD TO EXFILTRATION ORGANIZATIONS, INCIDENTS AT WALL, AND CURRENCY-EXCHANGE OFFICES IN WEST BERLIN.

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2. SENAT CHANCELLERY DIRECTOR HERZ, WHO GAVE MISSION OFFICERS

REPORT ON MEETING SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED BY GDR POSITION.
HE COMMENTED THAT WHEN EAST GERMANS WERE READY TO BACK DOWN ON
MINIMUM-CURRENCY-EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS THEY WOULD MOST
LIKELY DO SO BY CHANGING ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES WITHOUT
ANNOUNCING CHANGE.KLEIN

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